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## Childhood hobby turns into business for Hoopeston man

A boy's fascination with motorcycles has led to a business for a Hoopeston couple.

Dan Samet and wife, Dawn, of Hoopeston recently opened Eastern Illinois Powersports in Tilton.

"It's something I've wanted to do for five or 10 years or so," Samet said. "My family's always been involved in motorcycles. We got the opportunity to do it so we

jumped at it."

The business features Suzuki street and dirt bikes, as well as all-terrain vehicles, as well as a full line of accessories. Service work is done on all makes and models, Samet said.

Samet chose Suzuki for two reasons. "It's what we've  
**See BUSINESS on other side**

## Briefly

### Rossville woman first runner up

Lisa Masengale of Rossville was named first runner-up and interview winner during Monday's Miss Vermilion County Fair Queen contest at the Vermilion County Fair.

Amy Kinney of Danville was crowned Miss Vermilion County Fair Queen and Heather Snedeker, Oakwood, was named second runner-up.

Carrie Griffin of Danville won the swimsuit competition and Kimberly Killough of Danville was voted Miss Congeniality by all the contestants.

### Discount cards available

Community discount cards have arrived!

The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce is selling the cards for only \$5. The cards, offering discounts at 14 Hoopeston businesses, is valid for one year.

To purchase a card, call Judi at the Chamber office, (217) 283-7873.

### Rotary schedule

Upcoming events for the Hoopeston Rotary Club include:

July 15 - regular meeting at Crunch's; Joyce Shore, program chairman.

July 17 - Meals on Wheels - E. Shore, Pemberton, Curtis, Fliesser.

July 18 - Meals on Wheels - J. Shore, Wahler, Burton, Smith.

July 20 - Farewell party for Bjorn Flasspohler at Paul Manion residence, 6 p.m.

July 22 - last meeting for Flasspohler, who will present the program; Gary Trimmell, program chairman.

July 29 - meeting; Jack Porter, program chairman.

### Joint Vacation Bible School scheduled

The United Methodist Church, Church of God and First Presbyterian Church will host joint Vacation Bible classes at the United Methodist Church from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1

To preregister, call one of the churches or (217) 283-5337.

### Puppet show set

The Hoopeston Public Library and Hoopeston businesses are hosting an appearance by the DePriest Puppets at 2 p.m. July 11 at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

The performance is free and open to the public.

### Camp meeting

New Bethel Fellowship in Rossville will host Camp Meeting '97 July 21-27 at 201 N. Chicago St. Nightly meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

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Police News

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Robert G. Glenn III, 20, of 311 W. Maple, was arrested at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday on a Ford County warrant.

Greg Bertran, 501 W. Main, reported Wednesday that someone took a Weber grill from his yard.

Cheryl Potts, #21 Parkview Court, reported Thursday that someone took a table from her home.



Court Dispositions



July 3: Jeffrey Verbeke, Lake Villa, DUI, pleaded not guilty; jury trial April 20, 1998.

Elebi Assani, Westmont, disobeying stop sign, failure to secure a child under four years old; forfeited license.

Martin Bak, Glen Ellyn, disobeying stop sign, pleaded not guilty.

Shawn Booth, Rantoul, uninsured, \$500 and costs.

Richard Brantley, Cissna Park, speeding, illegal transportation, pleaded not guilty.

Darlene Brewster, Hoopeston, failure to yield, pleaded not guilty.

Jorge Casillas, Hoopeston, no valid driver’s license, \$95 total, six months court supervision; improper lane usage, \$95 total, six months court supervision.

Business continued from other side

always ridden,” he said. “It was brand loyalty more than anything else. Plus they have an aggressive approach toward the market.”

Samet, a former engineer at Hyster in Danville, researched motorcycle sales before opening the business. He also researched traffic patterns before building the store at 3 Southgate Drive in Tilton.

“This is the business road in Vermilion County,” he said. “Twenty-eight thousand cars a day go down this road. There’s no time during the day when you don’t see cars on this road.”

Samet was also impressed with Tilton’s commitment to business. “Tilton’s doing a lot to promote itself,” he said. “As far as I’m concerned, this is the best area in Danville for retail.”

The store faces competition from two other motorcycle shops in Danville, as well as several in Champaign, but that doesn’t faze Samet. “We used to have all the franchises here in Danville,” he said, adding a slump in the economy caused all by the Harley-Davidson and Kawasaki shops to close. “The bike market dropped off a little bit, but it’s picked up,” he said.

The area economy has also improved, which should reflect in sales. “I even half of what they’re talking about materializes, it’ll be a great market here,” he said.

Eastern Illinois Powersports will hold its grand opening from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday with free doughnuts, pizza, pop and door prizes.

The business can be reached at (217) 431-0800.

Obituaries

FORD - John H. “Jack” Ford, 59, of Paxton, died at 6:54 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, 1997, at Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the First Lutheran Church, 301 S. College, Paxton. Private burial will be Friday in Glen Cemetery, Paxton. Memorials are suggested to the dome lighting fund at the church or Westminster Presbyterian Church, Paxton.

Mr. Ford was a former grocery store manager in Hoopeston.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
July 9, 1997

Admitted: Vicki Jackson, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Sunny today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the low 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 86, low near 66. Sunday, scattered showers. High near 87, low near 67.

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Behind Rhonda’s Baskets, Saturday, July 12, 8 a.m.-12. Furniture, VCR, shelving, cash register, lots of miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Good china. Service for 12 plus additional pieces. Approx. 90 pieces total. \$75 OBO. Call (815)473-4226.

The village of Rossville is accepting sealed bids for the following items:

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2. Eight foot western plow - well used.

3. Meyer salt spreader - 8 hp B/S engine. Engine used 1 season. Minimum bid \$250.

All above located at the Village Maintenance shops. To view, see Lance or Geoff.

Sealed bids to be turned in to the Village Office. Bid closing 5 p.m. July 21. Bids will be opened July 21 at the regular board meeting.

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